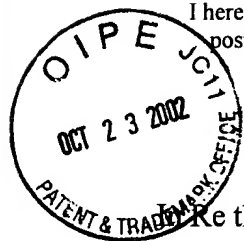


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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 41, without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claims 1, 36 and 49 as follow:

1. (Amended) An expression cassette, comprising
a polynucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide including an antigenic HIV *Pol*
polypetide, wherein the polynucleotide sequence encoding said *Pol* polypeptide comprises a
sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the sequence presented of Figure 8 (SEQ ID
NO:30); Figure 9 (SEQ ID NO:31); or Figure 10 (SEQ ID NO:32).

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